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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were mixed, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate, best into fast food, sports bars, and for other holiday meat items. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs with shortages occurring where plants decreased processing schedules. Also, some regular commitments for next week were reduced due to businesses predicting limited interest. In the parts structure, pre-holiday movement was light to moderate. Wings were barely adequate to tight, dark meat was sufficient to close, and breast items were fully adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/15/04-11/19/04 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS                              | MAJORITY    | RANGE       | WTD<br>AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers       |             |             |            |       |
| Chicago                            | 58.00-61.00 | 52.00-74.50 | 60.89      | 28    |
| Los Angeles                        | 81.00       |             |            |       |
| New York                           | 62.00-64.00 |             |            |       |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent |             |             |            |       |
| Mississippi                        | 70.00-74.00 | 53.00-75.00 | 72.24      | 89    |

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE       | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 957   | 69.75-76.50 | 74.19                    |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM             | WTD. AVG.<br>(CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME<br>(000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 167.00                         | 1,400                  |
| BREASTS - B/S    | 141.50                         | 5,523                  |
| BREASTS - WHOLE  | 73.00                          | 1,351 THIGH            |
| MEAT - B/S       | 71.50                          | 957                    |
| LEG QUARTERS     | 31.00                          | 7,027                  |
| WINGS            | 90.00                          | 2,953                  |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings were light to moderate for a generally limited trade need. Movement into all channels was seasonally light, instances moderate into sports bars and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to at times long. A majority of businesses were reducing normal commitments for next week, anticipating a sluggish demand for product over the holiday. Weights were mixed. Parts offerings were light to moderate. Trade interest was mainly focused on deliveries and placement of more traditional proteins for weekend advertisement and orders. Supplies of wings remained tight and wanted; tenders and dark meat were in balance; leg quarters and breast cuts were available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady on the remaining parts.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was seasonally light as Thanksgiving neared and interests centered on other meat items. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food and restaurants that catered to shoppers. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, best to cover increased weekend needs. Breast items were at least adequate, but tenders were closer balanced and moving. Dark meat was sufficient to close, and wings were balanced to tight and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Limited trading reported for next week's delivery and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate as producers worked reduced slaughter schedules to help keep pace with seasonal needs. Buying activity was light and selective. Retailer demand was fair overall with limited features in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

**Arizona** – roaster 149, cornish hen 169, boneless breast 197;

**Idaho** – boneless breast 149, split breast 129,

**(deli food service)** – rotisserie 599;

**Northern California** – cornish hen 169, roaster 149, boneless breast 499,

**(deli food service)** – rotisserie 799;

**Southern California** – roaster 99-149, cornish hen 179-239, cornish hen 6 count case 1399 and 12 count case 2198, geese 398, duck 198, boneless breast 179, boneless leg meat 98-118, split breast 98-109, leg quarters 10# bag 490, wings 99-119 and 5# bag 698, thigh 79-99, drumstick 79-99, gizzards 79,

**(deli food service)** – fried mixed 8 piece 699, 12 piece mixed 699, rotisserie 479-499 each).

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to instances short. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective as interest shifted to other more traditional holiday items. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Legs and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in good balance to tight.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal as buyer interest shifted to other holiday items. Offerings were adequate to occasionally short, resulting somewhat from previous down time. Live supplies were light to moderate; weights were usually desirable. Processor schedules were also light to moderate, especially for the weekend. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings, midsize tenders continued to clear easily. Bone-in breasts were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Other items were generally noted as adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

| BRANDED U.S. GRADE A |                   |        |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| RANGE                |                   | 61-84  |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE     |                   | 67.59  |
| NO. OF BOXES         |                   | 7,025  |
| CUMULATIVE           | 11/15/04-11/19/04 | 66.45  |
|                      | 11/17/03-11/21/03 | 63.56  |
| NO. OF BOXES         | 11/15/04-11/19/04 | 31,312 |
|                      | 11/17/03-11/21/03 | 37,319 |

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

NOV 19

| ITEM                | POUNDS            |               |          |         | POUNDS            |               |          |         | WEEKLY |         |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
|                     | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)  | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S        | 675               | 112.00-150.00 | 115-122  | 118.87  | 615               | 110.00-150.00 | 112-120  | 116.41  | 3,445  | 118.49  |
| TENDERLOINS         | 290               | 98.00-175.00  | 110-115  | 119.00  | 285               | 98.00-175.00  | 100-105  | 115.53  | 1,821  | 113.78  |
| BREAST - LINE RUN   | 85                | 70.00-74.00   | -        | 71.88   | 81                | 69.00-76.00   | 72-74    | 71.93   | 481    | 71.89   |
| FRONT HALVES        | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 330    | 56.89   |
| LEGS                | 83                | 30.00-49.00   | 32-34    | 34.36   | 103               | 30.00-49.00   | 32-34    | 33.81   | 451    | 34.39   |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 510               | 23.00-29.00   | 25-26    | 25.55   | 510               | 23.00-29.00   | 25-26    | 25.55   | 2,500  | 25.54   |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,055             | 25.00-32.00   | 27-29    | 27.53   | 1,135             | 25.00-32.00   | 27-29    | 27.70   | 5,635  | 27.73   |
| WINGS (WHOLE)       | 295               | 84.00-90.00   | 85-86    | 86.58   | 305               | 85.00-95.00   | 85-87    | 87.89   | 1,497  | 85.46   |
| WINGS (CUT)         | 475               | 100.00-109.00 | 105-109  | 105.79  | 490               | 101.00-110.00 | 106-110  | 107.03  | 2,263  | 103.90  |
| DRUMSTICKS          | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 190    | 35.26   |
| THIGHS              | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 143    | 37.41   |
| B/S THIGHS          | 95                | 68.00-75.00   | -        | 72.63   | 105               | 68.00-75.00   | -        | 72.19   | 490    | 72.67   |

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 18, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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TRADING FOR NOV 19, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE         | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE         | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 39.00 - 45.50 | 42.61           | 38.00 - 44.50 | 41.15           | 41.27         |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to moderate at best entering the weekend as dealers shifted to more traditional holiday items and attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with current needs. Offerings of breasts items were fully adequate to available. Legs and thighs were well cleared. Wings were in close balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, at least steady to fully steady on legs and thighs and steady to about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. NOV 19

| ITEM                       | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD    | WEEKLY    |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
|                            | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |     | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |        |           |
| BREAST - B/S               | 125-130     | 123.95 | 583,200 |     | 125-130     | 124.37 | 716,400 | 123.80 | 2,867,083 |
| TENDERLOINS                | 110         | 108.00 | 110,400 |     | 110         | 111.10 | 116,240 | 108.90 | 579,200   |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS         | 68-69       | 77.51  | 54,440  |     | 68-69       | 75.57  | 204,400 | 76.57  | 582,680   |
| BREAST - LINE RUN          | 68          | 69.00  | 90,000  |     | 68          | 69.81  | 99,000  | 69.58  | 535,240   |
| LEGS                       | 42-43       | 36.35  | 311,640 |     | 42-43       | 40.21  | 262,000 | 37.70  | 1,401,600 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK)        | 28-29       | 29.62  | 503,014 |     | 28-29       | 31.17  | 288,902 | 30.14  | 1,876,551 |
| DRUMSTICKS                 | 25-26       | 31.14  | 94,880  |     | 25-26       | 35.26  | 109,120 | 32.93  | 559,300   |
| THIGHS                     | 26-27       | 34.68  | 52,000  |     | 26-27       | 38.57  | 75,040  | 36.37  | 304,980   |
| B/S THIGHS                 | 75-76       | 72.77  | 54,760  |     | 76-77       | 73.85  | 39,320  | 72.52  | 247,520   |
| WINGS (WHOLE)              | 89-90       | 101.71 | 85,760  |     | 91-92       | 91.87  | 193,720 | 96.13  | 543,560   |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12       | 12.10  | 11,200  |     | 10-12       | 11.65  | 43,400  | 11.68  | 148,640   |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)      | 30-35       | 28.44  | 12,960  |     | 30-35       | 29.87  | 19,520  | 29.71  | 93,920    |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS)          | 60-65       | 66.21  | 13,920  |     | 60-65       | 70.52  | 14,560  | 67.87  | 88,442    |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

|                |             |         |        |        |       |         |        | <b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</b> |       |
|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--|-------|
| ESTIMATED      |             | ACTUAL  |        | AVG WT |       | ACTUAL  |        | AVG WTS  |       |
| (1,000)        |             | (1,000) |        |        |       | (1,000) |        |  |       |
| 11/19          | 11/18       | 11/17   | 11/16  | 11/17  | 11/16 | 11/12   | 11/10  | FRESH FRYERS   |       |
| Alabama        | 4,251       | 4,030   | 4,037  | 3,996  | 5.31  | 5.30    | 3,967  | 5.28   | 97-99 |
| Arkansas       | 6,250       | 5,504   | 5,432  | 5,451  | 5.12  | 5.26    | 5,426  | 5.20   | 107   |
| Delmarva       | 1,867       | 2,215   | 1,680  | 2,153  | 5.77  | 5.65    | 2,005  | 5.57   |       |
| KY-LA-TN       | 2,005       | 2,085   | 1,822  | 1,920  | 4.95  | 4.92    | 2,243  | 5.13   | 65-68 |
| Mississippi    | 3,342       | 3,074   | 2,687  | 2,339  | 5.39  | 5.57    | 3,431  | 5.57   |       |
| North Carolina | 2,671       | 2,466   | 2,059  | 2,271  | 6.68  | 6.54    | 2,476  | 6.40   |       |
| Texas          | 2,484       | 2,507   | 2,257  | 2,532  | 5.19  | 5.22    | 2,859  | 5.25   |       |
| Total          | 22,870      | 21,881  | 19,974 | 20,662 | 5.40  | 5.45    | 22,407 | 5.44   |       |
| Mon-Fri        | 109,023 (A) |         |        |        |       |         |        |  |       |
|                |             |         |        |        |       |         |        | <b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b> |       |
|                |             |         |        |        |       |         |        | RANGE  |       |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Nov-04 and 20-Nov-04 is estimated to be 34,216,000 head up 1.76 percent from a week ago and up 12.84 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,624,000, last year 30,323,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 20-Nov-04 is estimated to be 156,312,000 head down 3.49 percent from a week ago, and up 3.34 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,965,000, last year 151,254,000)

|                  |          |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS     | ICE PACK | 105-106 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | DRY PACK | 106-110 |
| HENS UNDER 5#    | ICE PACK | 108-111 |
| HENS OVER 5#     | DRY PACK | 111     |
| DUCKS            | ICE PACK | 89-93   |
|                  | DRY PACK | 89-95   |
|                  |          | 175-192 |

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 06-Nov-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up  
-----THOUSANDS-----

|               |        |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Head          | 27,901 | 18,669 | 52,801 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.75   | 4.75   | 6.35   |
| % of total /1 | 28%    | 19%    | 53%    |

#### Comparisons

|               |        |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week     | 27,455 | 25,607 | 50,906 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.61   | 4.88   | 6.48   |
| % of total /1 | 26%    | 25%    | 49%    |

|                      |        |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 28,380 | 31,306 | 45,207 |
| Avg Weight           | 3.78   | 4.80   | 6.40   |
| % of total /1        | 27%    | 30%    | 43%    |

|              |           |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| To date/2004 | 1,146,499 | 941,711   | 2,033,034 |
| To date/2003 | 1,028,497 | 1,058,978 | 1,963,505 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

| W/E 13-Nov-04  | YOUNG CHICKENS      | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS  |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
|                | -----THOUSANDS----- |            |            |            |        |
| Head           | 161,965             | 1,516      | 1,534      | 3,050      | 485    |
| Avg Wt         | 5.30                | 3.40       | 8.05       | 5.74       | 6.80   |
| Last week      | 159,561             | 1,499      | 1,391      | 2,890      | 537    |
| Same wk yr ago | 157,078             | 1,126      | 1,656      | 2,782      | 416    |
| Avg Wt         | 5.30                | 3.45       | 7.98       | 6.15       | 6.79   |
| To-date/2004   | 7,074,371           | 61,789     | 61,469     | 123,258    | 21,126 |
| To-date/2003   | 6,959,977           | 64,915     | 63,622     | 128,537    | 18,666 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** NOVEMBER 16, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

|                        | RANGE          |                  | RANGE             |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.10 - 1.18    | Silkie           | 2.25 - 2.75 ea.   |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens   | 1.00 - 1.10    | Geese 9-14 LBS   | .75 - .80         |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS       | .20 - .25      | Pigeons          | 2.20 - 2.50 ea.   |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS       | .35 - .40      | White Pigeons    | 5.00 - 5.50 ea.   |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .40 - .50      | Rabbits 4-6 LBS  | .80 - .90         |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Rabbits 6-9 LBS  | .75 - .85         |
| 4-6 LBS                | .70 - .90      | Bunnies          | .85 - 3.00 ea.    |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Guinea Pigs      | .10 - .35         |
| 7-11 LBS               | .70 - .80      | Goats            | 45.00 - 47.00 ea. |
| Banty Roosters         | 2.00 - 2.50ea. | Doves            | 3.00 - 3.25 ea.   |
| Banty Hens             | 1.75 - 2.25ea. |                  |                   |
| Leghorn Roosters       | .25 - .40ea.   | Total Coops Sold | 446               |

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY** FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-NOVEMBER-2004

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN                | FROZEN  | FRESH   |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND<br>MOSTLY | 143-145 | 149-151 |
| MIDWEST<br>MOSTLY     | 127-131 | 128-133 |

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

|                             | RANGE       | MOSTLY      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)     | 63.00-70.50 | 68.00-70.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 65.00-86.50 | 68.00-76.50 |

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-71.28 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-77.92 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-86.67 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current needs. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 15-NOVEMBER-2004

| ORIGIN             | FROZEN  | FRESH   |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 116-134 | 118-139 |
| MOSTLY             |         |         |

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**

#### **FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

| WEEK ENDING  | MILLION HEAD<br>SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD<br>AVAILABLE | PCT   | AVG WT |      |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| October      | 9                           | 163.6                     | 165.1 | 99%    | 5.40 |
|              | 16                          | 163.4                     | 164.4 | 99%    | 5.46 |
|              | 23                          | 164.1                     | 163.9 | 100%   | 5.41 |
|              | 30                          | 162.5                     | 163.4 | 99%    | 5.33 |
| November     | 6                           | 161.5                     | 162.0 | 100%   | 5.32 |
|              | 13                          | 163.9                     | 159.1 | 103%   | 5.30 |
| Year to date | 7160.3                      | 7269.3                    | 99%   |        |      |
| November     | 20                          | 154.1                     |       |        |      |
|              | 27                          | 153.1                     |       |        |      |

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

| Under Federal Inspection |          |          |       |          |       |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| -----THOUSANDS-----      |          |          |       |          |       |
| W/E                      | 11/20/04 | 11/13/04 | % CHG | 11/22/03 | % CHG |
| Broilers                 | 156,312  | 161,965* | -3.49 | 151,254  | +3.34 |
| Cattle                   | 607      | 605      | 0     | 606      | 0     |
| Hogs                     | 2,114    | 2,004    | +05   | 2,162    | -02   |
| *ACTUAL                  |          |          |       |          |       |

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fairly good for heavies with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were generally well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

28-32 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

29-34 MAJORITY 30-33 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

|              | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 3-8   | 6-8      |

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

|              | RANGE             | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings about adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

|              | RANGE | MAJORITY |
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| REMOVAL COST | 0-5   |          |

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-04

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reduced and noted as light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

|                          | RANGE             | MAJORITY |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |
| FOB PLANT                | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was limited for reduced kill schedules next week. Finished sales were seasonally active. Offerings were at least adequate from primary users. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

|                       | RANGE             | MAJORITY |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004.

##### **CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons continued in close balance with anticipated demand. Product booked for November holiday needs are being delivered to first receivers. December needs are being booked. Shipper asking prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.65-1.80 MOSTLY 1.65-1.75

##### **GEESE:**

Shipper asking prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance with anticipated demand. Processors were operating regular schedules. Product is being booked for December needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.40-2.55 MOSTLY 2.45-2.55

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